The purpose of the Michigan Freight Plan is to provide a comprehensive overview of the state’s freight transportation system, including existing assets, system performance, and investments required to ensure long-term success.

The vision to reinvent Michigan to become a center of international trade requires developing an infrastructure that will meet the modern day demands of a globalized economy. Michigan has significant transportation assets, which serve intermodal freight traffic from around the world, including two of the country’s busiest international border crossings in Detroit and Port Huron, four Class I railroads, a network of interstate highways, the St. Lawrence Seaway, many commercial port facilities, and the major cargo-carrying airports of Willow Run and Detroit Metro.

A multi-modal and intermodal resource, this plan provides an overall framework for freight system improvements and priorities. It is an element of the 2035 MI Transportation Plan and integrates its overall vision, goals, objectives, strategies and decision-making principles.